

# Some Integral Inequalities for Arithmetically and Geometrically Convex Functions of Two Variables

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We introduce arithmetic-geometrically and geometric-geometrically convex functions for two variables. Then, we prove Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for these functions. As applications, some new inequalities for unitarily invariant norms are established.

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## 1. Introduction

Let us consider the bi-dimensional interval  $\Delta := [a, b] \times [c, d]$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with  $a < b$  and  $c < d$ . A function  $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a separately convex function (shortly convex function) on the co-ordinates if the partial mappings  $f_y : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f_y(u) := f(u, y)$  and  $f_x : [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f_x(v) := f(x, v)$  are convex for all  $y \in [c, d]$  and  $x \in [a, b]$ , respectively.

Dragomir proved the following Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities.

**Theorem 1.1.** [3] *Suppose that  $f : \Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex on the co-ordinates on  $\Delta$ . Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f\left(x, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) dx + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, y\right) dy \right] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d f(x, y) dy dx \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x, c) dx + \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x, d) dx \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f(a, y) dy + \frac{1}{d-c} \int_c^d f(b, y) dy \right] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{4} (f(a, c) + f(a, d) + f(b, c) + f(b, d)).
\end{aligned}$$

Throughout this paper, we introduce geometric-geometrically convex functions for two variables. Then, we prove Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for these functions. Also, we define arithmetic-geometrically convex functions for two variables. By these functions, we obtain some new inequalities for unitarily invariant norms.

## 2. Inequalities for geometric-geometrically convex functions of two variables

In this section, we prove Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for geometric-geometrically convex functions of two variables.

The following definition is for geometrically convex function of one variable.

**Definition 2.1.** [6] A continuous function  $f : I \subset \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is said to be *geometrically convex* (or *multiplicatively convex*) if

$$f(a^\lambda b^{1-\lambda}) \leq f(a)^\lambda f(b)^{1-\lambda} \quad \text{for } a, b \in I \text{ and } \lambda \in [0, 1].$$

In [8, Theorem 3], we proved the following inequalities for geometrically convex functions of one variable

$$\begin{aligned}
f(\sqrt{ab}) &\leq \sqrt{\left(f(a^{\frac{3}{4}}b^{\frac{1}{4}})f(a^{\frac{1}{4}}b^{\frac{3}{4}})\right)} \leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{\log b - \log a} \int_a^b \frac{\log \circ f(t)}{t} dt\right) \\
&\leq \sqrt{f(\sqrt{ab})} \cdot \sqrt[4]{f(a)} \cdot \sqrt[4]{f(b)} \leq \sqrt{f(a)f(b)}.
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Now, we give the definition of geometric-geometrically convex function of two variables.

**Definition 2.2.** The function  $f : \Delta \subset \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is said to be *geometrically (geometric-geometrically) convex* if

$$f(x^\lambda z^{(1-\lambda)}, y^\lambda w^{(1-\lambda)}) \leq f(x, y)^\lambda f(z, w)^{(1-\lambda)} \tag{2}$$

for every  $(x, y), (z, w) \in \Delta$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

Below, we will use the following notations:

$$\log(x, y) = (\log x, \log y), \quad x, y > 0,$$

and

$$\exp(x, y) = (\exp x, \exp y), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Lemma 2.3.** Suppose that  $[a, b] \times [c, d]$  is a subinterval of  $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+$  and that  $f : [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is a geometrically convex function. Then

$$F = \log \circ f \circ \exp : ([\log a, \log b] \times [\log c, \log d]) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is a convex function.

**Proof.** Assume that  $f$  is geometrically convex. We will show that  $F = \log \circ f \circ \exp$  is convex on  $[\log a, \log b] \times [\log c, \log d]$ , that is,

$$\begin{aligned} & \log \circ f \circ \exp(\lambda \log x + (1 - \lambda) \log z, \lambda \log y + (1 - \lambda) \log w) \\ & \leq \lambda \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log x, \log y) + (1 - \lambda) \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log z, \log w) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, z \in [a, b]$ ,  $y, w \in [c, d]$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . We have from the left side of the above inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \log \circ f \circ \exp(\lambda \log x + (1 - \lambda) \log z, \lambda \log y + (1 - \lambda) \log w) \\ & = \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log(x^\lambda z^{(1-\lambda)}), \log(y^\lambda w^{(1-\lambda)})) \\ & = \log \circ f((x^\lambda z^{(1-\lambda)}), (y^\lambda w^{(1-\lambda)})) \\ & \leq \log(f(x)^\lambda f(z)^{(1-\lambda)}, f(y)^\lambda f(w)^{(1-\lambda)}) \quad (\text{since } f \text{ is geometrically convex}) \\ & = (\lambda \log \circ f(x) + (1 - \lambda) \log \circ f(z), \lambda \log \circ f(y) + (1 - \lambda) \log \circ f(w)) \\ & = (\lambda \log \circ f(\exp(\log x)) + (1 - \lambda) \log \circ f(\exp(\log z)), \lambda \log \circ f(\exp(\log y)) \\ & \quad + (1 - \lambda) \log \circ f(\exp(\log w))) \\ & = \lambda \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log x, \log y) + (1 - \lambda) \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log z, \log w), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, z \in [a, b]$ ,  $y, w \in [c, d]$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ . □

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $f$  be a geometrically convex function defined on  $[a, b] \times [c, d]$  such that  $0 < a < b$  and  $0 < c < d$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(\sqrt{ab}, \sqrt{cd}) & \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2 \log \frac{b}{a}} \int_a^b \frac{\log f(u, \sqrt{cd})}{u} du + \frac{1}{2 \log \frac{d}{c}} \int_c^d \frac{\log f(\sqrt{ab}, v)}{v} dv \right) \\ & \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{(\log \frac{b}{a})(\log \frac{d}{c})} \int_a^b \int_c^d \frac{\log f(u, v)}{uv} dv du \right) \\ & \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{4 \log \frac{b}{a}} \left[ \int_a^b \frac{\log f(u, c)}{u} du + \int_a^b \frac{\log f(u, d)}{u} du \right] \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{4 \log \frac{d}{c}} \left[ \int_c^d \frac{\log f(a, v)}{v} dv + \int_c^d \frac{\log f(b, v)}{v} dv \right] \right) \\ & \leq \sqrt[4]{f(a, c)f(a, d)f(b, c)f(b, d)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Let  $f : [a, b] \times [c, d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be geometrically convex. So, by Lemma 2.3

$$F(x, y) = \log \circ f \circ \exp(x, y) : [\log a, \log b] \times [\log c, \log d] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is convex.

Then, by Theorem 1.1 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& F\left(\frac{\log a + \log b}{2}, \frac{\log c + \log d}{2}\right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\log b - \log a} \int_{\log a}^{\log b} F\left(x, \frac{\log c + \log d}{2}\right) dx \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\log d - \log c} \int_{\log c}^{\log d} F\left(\frac{\log a + \log b}{2}, y\right) dy \right] \\
& \leq \frac{1}{(\log b - \log a)(\log d - \log c)} \int_{\log a}^{\log b} \int_{\log c}^{\log d} F(x, y) dy dx
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& F\left(\frac{\log a + \log b}{2}, \frac{\log c + \log d}{2}\right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{\log b - \log a} \int_{\log a}^{\log b} F(x, \log c) dx + \frac{1}{\log b - \log a} \int_{\log a}^{\log b} F(x, \log d) dx \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\log d - \log c} \int_{\log c}^{\log d} F(\log a, y) dy + \frac{1}{\log d - \log c} \int_{\log c}^{\log d} F(\log b, y) dy \right] \\
& \leq \frac{F(\log a, \log c) + F(\log a, \log d) + F(\log b, \log c) + F(\log b, \log d)}{4}.
\end{aligned}$$

By the definition of  $F$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log \sqrt{ab}, \log \sqrt{cd}) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\log b - \log a} \int_{\log a}^{\log b} \log \circ f \circ \exp(x, \log \sqrt{cd}) dx \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\log d - \log c} \int_{\log c}^{\log d} \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log \sqrt{ab}, y) dy \right] \\
& \leq \frac{1}{(\log b - \log a)(\log d - \log c)} \int_{\log a}^{\log b} \int_{\log c}^{\log d} \log \circ f \circ \exp(x, y) dy dx,
\end{aligned}$$

whereupon

$$\begin{aligned}
& \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log \sqrt{ab}, \log \sqrt{cd}) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{\log b - \log a} \int_{\log a}^{\log b} \log \circ f \circ \exp(x, \log c) dx \right. \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\log b - \log a} \int_{\log a}^{\log b} \log \circ f \circ \exp(x, \log d) dx \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\log d - \log c} \int_{\log c}^{\log d} \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log a, y) dy \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\log d - \log c} \int_{\log c}^{\log d} \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log b, y) dy \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{and} \quad \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log \sqrt{ab}, \log \sqrt{cd}) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} [\log \circ f \circ \exp(\log a, \log c) + \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log a, \log d) \\
& \quad + \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log b, \log c) + \log \circ f \circ \exp(\log b, \log d)].
\end{aligned}$$

The above inequalities are equivalent to write

$$\begin{aligned}
\log f(\sqrt{ab}, \sqrt{cd}) & \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\log b - \log a} \int_{\log a}^{\log b} \log f(\exp(x), \sqrt{cd}) dx \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\log d - \log c} \int_{\log c}^{\log d} \log f(\sqrt{ab}, \exp(y)) dy \right] \\
& \leq \frac{1}{(\log b - \log a)(\log d - \log c)} \int_{\log a}^{\log b} \int_{\log c}^{\log d} \log f(\exp(x), \exp(y)) dy dx
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\log f(\sqrt{ab}, \sqrt{cd}) & \leq \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{\log b - \log a} \int_{\log a}^{\log b} \log f(\exp(x), c) dx \right. \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\log b - \log a} \int_{\log a}^{\log b} \log f(\exp(x), d) dx + \frac{1}{\log d - \log c} \int_{\log c}^{\log d} \log f(a, \exp(y)) dy \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\log d - \log c} \int_{\log c}^{\log d} \log f(b, \exp(y)) dy \right] \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} [\log f(a, c) + \log f(a, d) + \log f(b, c) + \log f(b, d)].
\end{aligned}$$

By change of variable,  $u = \exp(x)$  and  $v = \exp(y)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \log f(\sqrt{ab}, \sqrt{cd}) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{1}{\log b - \log a} \int_a^b \frac{\log f(u, \sqrt{cd})}{u} du + \frac{1}{\log d - \log c} \int_c^d \frac{\log f(\sqrt{ab}, v)}{v} dv \right] \\
& \leq \frac{1}{(\log b - \log a)(\log d - \log c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d \frac{\log f(u, v)}{uv} dv du \\
& \leq \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{1}{\log b - \log a} \left( \int_a^b \frac{\log f(u, c)}{u} du + \int_a^b \frac{\log f(u, d)}{u} du \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\log d - \log c} \left( \int_c^d \frac{\log f(a, v)}{v} dv + \int_c^d \frac{\log f(b, v)}{v} dv \right) \right] \\
& \leq \log \sqrt[4]{f(a, c)f(a, d)f(b, c)f(b, d)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $\exp(x)$  is increasing, we have the desired result.  $\square$

### 3. Inequalities for arithmetic-geometrically convex functions of two variables

In this section, by the results obtained in Section 2, we establish Hermite-Hadamard type inequalities for arithmetic-geometrically convex (AG-convex) functions for two variables.

In [9] we proved the following theorem for one variable.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $f$  be an AG-convex function defined on  $[a, b]$ . Then, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) &\leq \sqrt{f\left(\frac{3a+b}{4}\right)f\left(\frac{a+3b}{4}\right)} \leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \log \circ f(u) du\right) \\ &\leq \sqrt{f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \cdot {}^4\sqrt{f(a)} \cdot {}^4\sqrt{f(b)}} \leq \sqrt{f(a)f(b)}, \quad \text{where } u = \log t. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Here, we present the definition of AG-convex function for two variables.

**Definition 3.2.** The function  $f : \Delta \subset \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is said to be AG-convex if

$$f(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)z, \lambda y + (1-\lambda)w) \leq f(x, y)^\lambda f(z, w)^{(1-\lambda)} \quad (4)$$

for every  $(x, y), (z, w) \in \Delta$  and  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

**Remark 3.3.** The condition (4) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} &f \circ \log(\exp(\lambda x) \exp((1-\lambda)z), \exp(\lambda y) \exp((1-\lambda)w)) \\ &\leq (f \circ \log(\exp(x), \exp(y)))^\lambda (f \circ \log(\exp(z), \exp(w)))^{1-\lambda}, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Then we can see  $f : \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is AG-convex on  $\Delta$  if and only if  $f \circ \log$  is geometrically convex on  $\exp(\Delta) := \{(\exp(x), \exp(y)), (x, y) \in \Delta\}$ .

Observe that if  $\Delta = [a, b] \times [c, d]$ , then  $\exp(\Delta) = [\exp(a), \exp(b)] \times [\exp(c), \exp(d)]$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $f$  be an AG-convex function defined on  $[a, b] \times [c, d]$ . Then, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} &f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2(b-a)} \int_a^b \log \circ f\left(s, \frac{c+d}{2}\right) ds + \frac{1}{2(d-c)} \int_c^d \log \circ f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, t\right) dt\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_a^b \int_c^d \log \circ f(s, t) ds dt\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{4(b-a)} \left[\int_a^b \log \circ f(s, c) ds + \int_a^b \log \circ f(s, d) ds\right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4(d-c)} \left[\int_c^d \log \circ f(a, t) dt + \int_c^d \log \circ f(b, t) dt\right]\right) \\ &\leq {}^4\sqrt{f(a, c)f(a, d)f(b, c)f(b, d)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be a AG-convex function. Then, by Remark 3.3, the function  $f \circ \log$  is geometrically convex on  $[\exp(a), \exp(b)] \times [\exp(c), \exp(d)]$ .

Applying the inequalities of Theorem 2.4, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& f \circ \log \left( \sqrt{e^a e^b}, \sqrt{e^c e^d} \right) \\
& \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2 \log \frac{e^b}{e^a}} \int_{e^a}^{e^b} \frac{\log \circ f \circ \log(u, \sqrt{e^c e^d})}{u} du + \frac{1}{2 \log \frac{e^d}{e^c}} \int_{e^c}^{e^d} \frac{\log \circ f \circ \log(\sqrt{e^a e^b}, v)}{v} dv \right) \\
& \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{(\log \frac{e^b}{e^a})(\log \frac{e^d}{e^c})} \int_{e^a}^{e^b} \int_{e^c}^{e^d} \frac{\log \circ f \circ \log(u, v)}{uv} dudv \right) \\
& \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{4 \log \frac{e^b}{e^a}} \left[ \int_{e^a}^{e^b} \frac{\log \circ f \circ \log(u, e^c)}{u} du + \int_{e^a}^{e^b} \frac{\log \circ f \circ \log(u, e^d)}{u} du \right] \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{4 \log \frac{e^d}{e^c}} \left[ \int_{e^c}^{e^d} \frac{\log \circ f \circ \log(e^a, v)}{v} dv + \int_{e^c}^{e^d} \frac{\log \circ f \circ \log(e^b, v)}{v} dv \right] \right) \\
& \leq \sqrt[4]{f \circ \log(e^a, e^c) f \circ \log(e^c, e^d) f \circ \log(e^b, e^c) f \circ \log(e^b, e^d)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, using Theorem 1.1, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
& f \left( \frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{c+d}{2} \right) \\
& \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2(b-a)} \int_{e^a}^{e^b} \frac{\log \circ f(\log u, \frac{c+d}{2})}{u} du + \frac{1}{2(c-d)} \int_{e^c}^{e^d} \frac{\log \circ f(\frac{a+b}{2}, \log v)}{v} dv \right) \\
& \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{(b-a)(d-c)} \int_{e^a}^{e^b} \int_{e^c}^{e^d} \frac{\log \circ f(\log u, \log v)}{uv} dudv \right) \\
& \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{4(b-a)} \left[ \int_{e^a}^{e^b} \frac{\log \circ f(\log u, c)}{u} du + \int_{e^a}^{e^b} \frac{\log \circ f(\log u, d)}{u} du \right] \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{4(d-c)} \left[ \int_{e^c}^{e^d} \frac{\log \circ f(a, \log v)}{v} dv + \int_{e^c}^{e^d} \frac{\log \circ f(b, \log v)}{v} dv \right] \right) \\
& \leq \sqrt[4]{f(a, c) f(a, d) f(b, c) f(b, d)}.
\end{aligned}$$

By change of variable  $s = \log u$  and  $t = \log v$ , we have the desired result.  $\square$

#### 4. Some unitarily invariant norm inequalities

In this section, we prove some unitarily invariant norm inequalities for operators.

We consider the wide class of unitarily invariant norms  $||| \cdot |||$ . Each of these norms is defined on an ideal in  $B(H)$  stand for  $C^*$ -algebra of all bounded linear operators and it will be implicitly understood that when we talk of  $|||T|||$ , then the operator  $T$  belongs to the norm ideal associated with  $||| \cdot |||$ . Each unitarily invariant norm  $||| \cdot |||$  is characterized by the invariance property  $|||UTV||| = |||T|||$  for all operators  $T$  in the norm ideal associated with  $||| \cdot |||$  and for all unitary operators  $U$  and  $V$  in  $B(H)$ . For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the Schatten  $p$ -norm of a compact operator  $A$  is defined by  $\|A\|_p = (\text{Tr } |A|^p)^{1/p}$ , where  $\text{Tr}$  is the usual trace functional. These norms are special examples of the more general class of the Schatten  $p$ -norms which are unitarily invariant [2].

As the first application of AG-convex functions of one variable for unitarily invariant norms, we need the following lemma. Before we state our lemma let us mention that the norm version of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality ([2], Problem IV.5.7, pp. 108) for  $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is as follows

$$|||AB^*|||^2 \leq |||A^*A||| |||B^*B|||. \quad (6)$$

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $A, B, X \in B(H)$  be such that  $A$  and  $B$  are positive operators. Then  $\varphi(t) = |||AB^tA|||$  is AG-convex for  $t \in [0, \infty)$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $\varphi$  is continuous, it is enough to prove the mid-point AG-convexity, i.e.,

$$\varphi\left(\frac{s+t}{2}\right) \leq \varphi(s)^{\frac{1}{2}}\varphi(t)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

for  $s, t \in [0, \infty)$ . In fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi\left(\frac{s+t}{2}\right) &= |||AB^{\frac{s+t}{2}}A||| = |||(AB^{\frac{s}{2}})(B^{\frac{t}{2}}A)||| \\ &\leq |||AB^{\frac{s}{2}}B^{\frac{s}{2}}A|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||AB^{\frac{t}{2}}B^{\frac{t}{2}}A|||^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality} \\ &= \varphi(AB^sA)^{\frac{1}{2}}\varphi(AB^tA)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \varphi(s)^{\frac{1}{2}}\varphi(t)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

So,  $\varphi(t) = |||AB^tA|||$  is an AG-convex function.  $\square$

Now we give the following inequalities for weighted geometric mean

$$A\sharp_{\nu}B = A^{\frac{1}{2}}\left(A^{-\frac{1}{2}}BA^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{\nu}A^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

for two positive operators and all  $0 \leq \nu \leq 1$ . In the case of  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$ , we denote  $A\sharp_{\frac{1}{2}}B$  by  $A\sharp B$ .

We apply inequalities (3) to the function  $\varphi(t) = |||AB^tA|||$  on the interval  $[\nu, 1-\nu]$  when  $\nu \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$  and on the interval  $[1-\nu, \nu]$  when  $\nu \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ . We obtain the following result.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $A, B, X \in B(H)$  be such that  $A, B$  are positive operators and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ . Then, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} |||A\sharp B||| &\leq |||A\sharp_{\frac{1+2\nu}{4}}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A\sharp_{\frac{3-2\nu}{4}}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{1-2\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||A\sharp_u B||| du\right) \\ &\leq |||A\sharp B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A\sharp_{\nu}B|||^{\frac{1}{4}} |||A\sharp_{1-\nu}B|||^{\frac{1}{4}} \leq |||A\sharp_{\nu}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A\sharp_{1-\nu}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

**Proof.** For  $\nu \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$ , by inequalities (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |||AB^{\frac{1}{2}}A||| &\leq |||AB^{\frac{1+2\nu}{4}}A|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||AB^{\frac{3-2\nu}{4}}A|||^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{1-2\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||AB^uA||| du\right) \\ &\leq |||AB^{\frac{1}{2}}A|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||AB^{\nu}A|||^{\frac{1}{4}} |||AB^{1-\nu}A|||^{\frac{1}{4}} \leq |||AB^{\nu}A|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||AB^{1-\nu}A|||^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

We replace  $A$  and  $B$  by  $A^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $A^{\frac{-1}{2}}BA^{\frac{-1}{2}}$ , respectively, and we obtain the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
& |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}(A^{\frac{-1}{2}}BA^{\frac{-1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}}A^{\frac{1}{2}}||| \\
& \leq |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}(A^{\frac{-1}{2}}BA^{\frac{-1}{2}})^{\frac{1+2\nu}{4}}A^{\frac{1}{2}}|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}(A^{\frac{-1}{2}}BA^{\frac{-1}{2}})^{\frac{3-2\nu}{4}}A^{\frac{1}{2}}|||^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{1-2\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}(A^{\frac{-1}{2}}BA^{\frac{-1}{2}})^u A^{\frac{1}{2}}||| du\right) \\
& \leq |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}(A^{\frac{-1}{2}}BA^{\frac{-1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}}A^{\frac{1}{2}}|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}(A^{\frac{-1}{2}}BA^{\frac{-1}{2}})^{\nu}A^{\frac{1}{2}}|||^{\frac{1}{4}} |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}(A^{\frac{-1}{2}}BA^{\frac{-1}{2}})^{1-\nu}A^{\frac{1}{2}}|||^{\frac{1}{4}} \\
& \leq |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}(A^{\frac{-1}{2}}BA^{\frac{-1}{2}})^{\nu}A^{\frac{1}{2}}|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}(A^{\frac{-1}{2}}BA^{\frac{-1}{2}})^{1-\nu}A^{\frac{1}{2}}|||^{\frac{1}{2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Equivalently, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
|||A\sharp B||| & \leq |||A\sharp_{\frac{1+2\nu}{4}}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A\sharp_{\frac{3-2\nu}{4}}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{1-2\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||A\sharp_u B||| du\right) \\
& \leq |||A\sharp_{\frac{1}{2}}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A\sharp_{\nu}B|||^{\frac{1}{4}} |||A\sharp_{1-\nu}B|||^{\frac{1}{4}} \leq |||A\sharp_{\nu}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A\sharp_{1-\nu}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (8)
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for  $\nu \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ , by inequalities (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|||A\sharp B||| & \leq |||A\sharp_{\frac{1+2\nu}{4}}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A\sharp_{\frac{3-2\nu}{4}}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& \leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2\nu-1} \int_{1-\nu}^{\nu} \log |||A\sharp_u B||| du\right) \\
& \leq |||A\sharp_{\frac{1}{2}}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A\sharp_{\nu}B|||^{\frac{1}{4}} |||A\sharp_{1-\nu}B|||^{\frac{1}{4}} \leq |||A\sharp_{\nu}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A\sharp_{1-\nu}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (9)
\end{aligned}$$

In the last inequalities we used

$$\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{1-2\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||A\sharp_u B||| du\right) = |||A\sharp B|||.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

In the special case  $\nu = 0$ , by the above result, one can obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.3.** *Let  $A, B, X \in B(H)$  be such that  $A, B$  are positive operators. Then we have*

$$\begin{aligned}
|||A\sharp B||| & \leq |||A\sharp_{\frac{1}{4}}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A\sharp_{\frac{3}{4}}B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \exp\left(\int_0^1 \log |||A\sharp_u B||| du\right) \\
& \leq |||A\sharp B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||A|||^{\frac{1}{4}} |||B|||^{\frac{1}{4}} \leq |||A|||^{\frac{1}{2}} |||B|||^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (10)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} (|||A||| + |||B|||). \quad (11)$$

From now on, we give some applications of AG-convex functions of two variables for unitarily invariant norms.

**Lemma 4.4.** [7] Let  $A, B, X \in B(H)$  such that  $A$  and  $B$  are positive. Then

$$f(p, q) = |||A^p X B^q|||$$

is AG-convex for  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $p, q \in [0, \infty)$ .

Applying inequalities of Theorem 3.4 to the function  $f(p, q) = |||A^p X B^q|||$  on the interval  $[\nu, 1 - \nu] \times [\nu, 1 - \nu]$  when  $0 \leq \nu < \frac{1}{2}$  and on the interval  $[1 - \nu, \nu] \times [1 - \nu, \nu]$  when  $\frac{1}{2} < \nu \leq 1$ , we obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $A, B, X \in B(H)$  such that  $A$  and  $B$  are positive. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |||A^{\frac{1}{2}} X B^{\frac{1}{2}}||| &\leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2 - 4\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||A^s X B^{\frac{1}{2}}||| ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2 - 4\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||A^{\frac{1}{2}} X B^t||| dt \right) \\ &\leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{(1 - 2\nu)^2} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||A^s X B^t||| ds dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |||A^{\frac{1}{2}} X B^{\frac{1}{2}}||| &\leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{4 - 8\nu} \left[ \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||A^s X B^{\nu}||| ds + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||A^s X B^{1-\nu}||| ds \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4 - 8\nu} \left[ \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||A^{\nu} X B^t||| dt + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||A^{1-\nu} X B^t||| dt \right] \right) \\ &\leq \sqrt[4]{|||A^{\nu} X B^{\nu}||| |||A^{\nu} X B^{1-\nu}||| |||A^{1-\nu} X B^{\nu}||| |||A^{1-\nu} X B^{1-\nu}|||}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** For  $0 \leq \nu < \frac{1}{2}$ , by applying the inequalities of Theorem 3.4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) &\leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2(1 - 2\nu)} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log \circ f\left(s, \frac{1}{2}\right) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2(1 - 2\nu)} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log \circ f\left(\frac{1}{2}, t\right) dt \right) \\ &\leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{(1 - 2\nu)^2} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log \circ f(s, t) ds dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

and from here,

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) &\leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{4(1 - 2\nu)} \left[ \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log \circ f(s, \nu) ds + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log \circ f(s, 1 - \nu) ds \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4(1 - 2\nu)} \left[ \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log \circ f(\nu, t) dt + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log \circ f(1 - \nu, t) dt \right] \right) \\ &\leq \sqrt[4]{f(\nu, \nu) f(\nu, 1 - \nu) f(1 - \nu, \nu) f(1 - \nu, 1 - \nu)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by Lemma 4.4, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}XB^{\frac{1}{2}}||| &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2(1-2\nu)}\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^sXB^{\frac{1}{2}}|||ds\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2(1-2\nu)}\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}XB^t|||dt\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{(1-2\nu)^2}\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^sXB^t|||dsdt\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}XB^{\frac{1}{2}}||| &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{4(1-2\nu)}\left[\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^sXB^{\nu}|||ds + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^sXB^{1-\nu}|||ds\right]\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4(1-2\nu)}\left[\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^{\nu}XB^t|||dt + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^{1-\nu}XB^t|||dt\right]\right) \\ &\leq \sqrt[4]{|||A^{\nu}XB^{\nu}||| |||A^{\nu}XB^{1-\nu}||| |||A^{1-\nu}XB^{\nu}||| |||A^{1-\nu}XB^{1-\nu}|||}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\frac{1}{2} < \nu \leq 1$ , by making use of Theorem 3.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2(2\nu-1)}\int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log \circ f\left(s, \frac{1}{2}\right)ds\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2(2\nu-1)}\int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log \circ f\left(\frac{1}{2}, t\right)dt\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{(2\nu-1)^2}\int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log \circ f(s, t)dsdt\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{4(2\nu-1)}\left[\int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log \circ f(s, 1-\nu)ds + \int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log \circ f(s, \nu)ds\right]\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4(2\nu-1)}\left[\int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log \circ f(1-\nu, t)dt + \int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log \circ f(\nu, t)dt\right]\right) \\ &\leq \sqrt[4]{f(1-\nu, 1-\nu)f(1-\nu, \nu)f(\nu, 1-\nu)f(\nu, \nu)}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 4.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}XB^{\frac{1}{2}}||| &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2(2\nu-1)}\int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log |||A^sXB^{\frac{1}{2}}|||ds\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2(2\nu-1)}\int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}XB^t|||dt\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{(2\nu-1)^2}\int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log |||A^sXB^t|||dsdt\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}XB^{\frac{1}{2}}||| &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{4(2\nu-1)}\left[\int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log |||A^sXB^{1-\nu}|||ds + \int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log |||A^sXB^{\nu}|||ds\right]\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4(2\nu-1)}\left[\int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log |||A^{1-\nu}XB^t|||dt + \int_{1-\nu}^{\nu}\log |||A^{\nu}XB^t|||dt\right]\right) \\ &\leq \sqrt[4]{|||A^{1-\nu}XB^{1-\nu}||| |||A^{1-\nu}XB^{\nu}||| |||A^{\nu}XB^{1-\nu}||| |||A^{\nu}XB^{\nu}|||}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that in the last inequalities we used

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{\nu \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2(1-2\nu)}\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^sXB^{\frac{1}{2}}|||ds + \frac{1}{2(1-2\nu)}\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}XB^t|||dt\right) \\ &= \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{(1-2\nu)^2}\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^sXB^t|||dsdt\right) \\ &= \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{4(1-2\nu)}\left[\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^sXB^{\nu}|||ds + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^sXB^{1-\nu}|||ds\right]\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{4(1-2\nu)}\left[\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^{\nu}XB^t|||dt + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||A^{1-\nu}XB^t|||dt\right]\right) \\ &= |||A^{\frac{1}{2}}XB^{\frac{1}{2}}|||. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.6.** *Let  $A, B, X \in B(H)$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned} |||AXB^*|||^4 &\leq \exp\left(\frac{2}{1-2\nu}\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||(A^*A)^sX(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{2}}|||ds\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{2}{1-2\nu}\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{2}}X(B^*B)^t|||dt\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{4}{(1-2\nu)^2}\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||(A^*A)^sX(B^*B)^t|||dsdt\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{1-2\nu}\left[\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||(A^*A)^sX(B^*B)^{\nu}|||ds + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||(A^*A)^sX(B^*B)^{1-\nu}|||ds\right]\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{1-2\nu}\left[\int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||(A^*A)^{\nu}X(B^*B)^t|||dt + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu}\log |||(A^*A)^{1-\nu}X(B^*B)^t|||dt\right]\right) \\ &\leq |||(A^*A)^{\nu}X(B^*B)^{\nu}||| |||(A^*A)^{\nu}X(B^*B)^{1-\nu}||| \\ &\quad |||(A^*A)^{1-\nu}X(B^*B)^{\nu}||| |||(A^*A)^{1-\nu}X(B^*B)^{1-\nu}|||. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** From the inequality (3.4) of [9], we have

$$|||AXB^*|||^2 \leq |||(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{2}}X(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{2}}||| |||(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{2}}X(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{2}}||| \quad (12)$$

for all  $A, B \in B(H)$ . Now, applying Theorem 4.5, we get the desired result.  $\square$

**Remark 4.7.** Let  $X = I$  in the above theorem. Then for two operators  $A$  and  $B$  in  $B(H)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |||(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{2}}(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{2}}||| \tag{13} \\
& \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2-4\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^s(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{2}}||| ds \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2-4\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{2}}(B^*B)^t||| dt \right) \\
& \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{(1-2\nu)^2} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^s(B^*B)^t||| ds dt \right) \\
& \leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{4-8\nu} \left[ \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^s(B^*B)^{\nu}||| ds + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^s(B^*B)^{1-\nu}||| ds \right] \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{4-8\nu} \left[ \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^{\nu}(B^*B)^t||| dt + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^{1-\nu}(B^*B)^t||| dt \right] \right) \\
& \leq \sqrt[4]{|||(A^*A)^{\nu}(B^*B)^{\nu}||| |||(A^*A)^{\nu}(B^*B)^{1-\nu}|||} \\
& \quad \times \sqrt[4]{|||(A^*A)^{1-\nu}(B^*B)^{\nu}||| |||(A^*A)^{1-\nu}(B^*B)^{1-\nu}|||}. \tag{14}
\end{aligned}$$

From [5], we have

$$|||(A^*A)^{\nu}(B^*B)^{\nu}||| \leq |||A^*AB^*B|||^{\nu} \tag{15}$$

and from [1] we have

$$|||(A^*A)^{\nu}(B^*B)^{1-\nu}||| \leq |||\nu A^*A + (1-\nu)B^*B||| \tag{16}$$

for all  $A$  and  $B$  in  $B(H)$  and  $\nu \in [0, 1]$ . Now, applying (14), (15) and (16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sqrt[4]{|||(A^*A)^{\nu}(B^*B)^{\nu}||| |||(A^*A)^{\nu}(B^*B)^{1-\nu}|||} \\
& \quad \times \sqrt[4]{|||(A^*A)^{1-\nu}(B^*B)^{\nu}||| |||(A^*A)^{1-\nu}(B^*B)^{1-\nu}|||} \\
& \leq \sqrt[4]{|||A^*AB^*B||| |||\nu A^*A + (1-\nu)B^*B||| |||(1-\nu)A^*A + \nu B^*B|||}. \tag{17}
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, from the inequality (12), for  $X = I$ , we have

$$|||AB^*|||^2 \leq |||(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{2}}(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{2}}||| |||(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{2}}(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{2}}||| \tag{18}$$

for all  $A, B \in B(H)$ .

By putting (17) and (18) into (14), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|||AB^*|||^4 &\leq \exp \left( \frac{2}{1-2\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^s(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{2}}||| ds \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{2}{1-2\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{2}}(B^*B)^t||| dt \right) \\
&\leq \exp \left( \frac{4}{(1-2\nu)^2} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^s(B^*B)^t||| ds dt \right) \\
&\leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{1-2\nu} \left[ \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^s(B^*B)^{\nu}||| ds + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^s(B^*B)^{1-\nu}||| ds \right] \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{1-2\nu} \left[ \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^{\nu}(B^*B)^t||| dt + \int_{\nu}^{1-\nu} \log |||(A^*A)^{1-\nu}(B^*B)^t||| dt \right] \right) \\
&\leq |||(A^*A)^{\nu}(B^*B)^{\nu}||| |||(A^*A)^{\nu}(B^*B)^{1-\nu}||| \\
&\quad \times |||(A^*A)^{1-\nu}(B^*B)^{\nu}||| |||(A^*A)^{1-\nu}(B^*B)^{1-\nu}||| \\
&\leq |||A^*AB^*B||| |||\nu A^*A + (1-\nu)B^*B||| |||(1-\nu)A^*A + \nu B^*B|||. \tag{19}
\end{aligned}$$

Applying (19) for  $\nu = 0$ , we obtain the following inequalities.

**Corollary 4.8.** *Let  $A, B \in B(H)$ . Then*

$$\begin{aligned}
&|||AB^*|||^2 \\
&\leq \exp \left( \int_0^1 \log |||(A^*A)^s(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{2}}||| ds + \int_0^1 \log |||(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{2}}(B^*B)^t||| dt \right) \\
&\leq \exp \left( 2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \log |||(A^*A)^s(B^*B)^t||| ds dt \right) \\
&\leq \exp \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \log |||(A^*A)^s||| ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \log |||(A^*A)^s B^*B||| ds \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \log |||(B^*B)^t||| dt + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 \log |||A^*A(B^*B)^t||| dt \right) \\
&\leq \sqrt{|||A^*A||| |||B^*B||| |||A^*AB^*B|||} \\
&\leq |||A^*A||| |||B^*B|||.
\end{aligned}$$

We should note here that the above corollary is a refinement for the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

Applying inequalities of Theorem 3.4 to the function

$$f(p, q) = |||A^p X B^q|||$$

on the interval  $[0, \nu] \times [0, \nu]$  when  $0 < \nu \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and on the interval  $[\nu, 1] \times [\nu, 1]$  when  $\frac{1}{2} \leq \nu < 1$ , we obtain the following theorem by a similar proof of Theorem 4.5.

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $A, B, X \in B(H)$  be such that  $A$  and  $B$  are positive. Then

(1) For  $\nu \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |||A^{\frac{\nu}{2}}XB^{\frac{\nu}{2}}||| &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2\nu}\int_0^\nu \log |||A^sXB^{\frac{\nu}{2}}|||ds + \frac{1}{2\nu}\int_0^\nu \log |||A^{\frac{\nu}{2}}XB^t|||dt\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{\nu^2}\int_0^\nu \int_0^\nu \log |||A^sXB^t|||dsdt\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{4\nu}\left[\int_0^\nu \log |||A^sX|||ds + \int_0^\nu \log |||A^sXB^\nu|||ds\right]\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ \frac{1}{4\nu}\left[\int_0^\nu \log |||XB^t|||dt + \int_0^\nu \log |||A^\nu XB^t|||dt\right]\right) \\ &\leq \sqrt[4]{|||X||| |||XB^\nu||| |||A^\nu X||| |||A^\nu XB^\nu|||}. \end{aligned}$$

(2) Also, for  $\nu \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |||A^{\frac{\nu+1}{2}}XB^{\frac{\nu+1}{2}}||| &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2(1-\nu)}\int_\nu^1 \log |||A^sXB^{\frac{\nu+1}{2}}|||ds\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ \frac{1}{2(1-\nu)}\int_\nu^1 \log |||A^{\frac{\nu+1}{2}}XB^t|||dt\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{(1-\nu)^2}\int_\nu^1 \int_\nu^1 \log |||A^sXB^t|||dsdt\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{4(1-\nu)}\left[\int_\nu^1 \log |||A^sXB^\nu|||ds + \int_\nu^1 \log |||A^sXB|||ds\right]\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ \frac{1}{4(1-\nu)}\left[\int_\nu^1 \log |||A^\nu XB^t|||dt + \int_\nu^1 \log |||AXB^t|||dt\right]\right) \\ &\leq \sqrt[4]{|||A^\nu XB^\nu||| |||A^\nu XB||| |||AXB^\nu||| |||AXB|||}. \end{aligned}$$

By considering the above theorem on  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$  and the inequality (12) for all  $A, B, X \in B(H)$ , we have the following result.

**Corollary 4.10.** Let  $A, B, X \in B(H)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |||AXB^*|||^4 &\leq \exp\left(2\int_0^1 \log |||(A^*A)^sX(B^*B)^{\frac{1}{2}}|||ds\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ 2\int_0^1 \log |||(A^*A)^{\frac{1}{2}}X(B^*B)^t|||dt\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(4\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \log |||(A^*A)^sX(B^*B)^t|||dsdt\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\int_0^1 \log |||(A^*A)^sX|||ds + \int_0^1 \log |||(A^*A)^sX(B^*B)|||ds\right. \\ &\quad \left.+ \int_0^1 \log |||X(B^*B)^t|||dt + \int_0^1 \log |||(A^*A)X(B^*B)^t|||dt\right) \\ &\leq |||X||| |||(A^*A)X||| |||X(B^*B)||| |||(A^*A)X(B^*B)|||. \end{aligned}$$

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